

**Food-for-Work Programme for flood-hit farmers in A.P.**

1168. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO:  
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether representations have been received to extend the Food-for-Work Programme to cover flood-hit farmers in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the action taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The request from the State Government of Andhra Pradesh for extension of Food-for-Work Programme to cover flood-hit area has been received recently. The same is being processed.

**Low reach of Poverty Alleviation Programmes**

1169. SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Poverty Alleviation Programmes under IRDP projects had improved only one-third of the population; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take to cover the remaining two-thirds of the population, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU): (a) and (b) As per concurrent evaluation of Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP) — Vth round (1995-96), 46.34% beneficiaries assisted under the IRDP had crossed the poverty line of Rs. 11000/-.

The IRDP and its allied schemes i.e. Training of Rural Youth for Self-Employment (TRYSEM), Development of Women and Children in Rural Areas (DWCRA), Supply of Toolkits in Rural Areas